

### REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, re-examination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

A new title has been submitted as requested by the Examiner. Claim 9 was amended to remove inadvertent underlining of "r".

Claim 9 was rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,633,176 for the reasons given in paragraph (3) of the Office Action. In response, a Terminal Disclaimer is attached to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 838-6683 at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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